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HONK! IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Bands across the country come to kick off festival in Roxbury

Boston, MA – The fourth annual HONK! Festival kicks off this Friday, October 9 in Roxbury! Starting at 3 p.m., brass bands from across the country will be at the Yawkey Club, the Boys and Girls Club in Roxbury, to make music and celebrate the community.

"The Friday HONKS in the neighborhoods are a really exciting new feature of the festival," said Reebee Garofalo, a HONK! Festival organizer, "We wanted to broaden our audience by taking the festival directly to people who might not be able to make it to Davis Square."

Seattle's Yellow Hat Band, Chicago's Black Bear Combo, and New Orleans' Pinettes—the world's only all female brass band—are slated to perform in Roxbury. The Yawkey Club is located less than two miles from downtown Boston, near Dudley Square. It opened in 1910 and continues to be an important resource for Roxbury's youth.

"Roxbury's Boys and Girls Club helps the community face challenges head on," said Lesli Dalaba, from the Yellow Hat Band, "This is where young people can learn to be a force for change in their neighborhood."

The three-day festival of activist street bands continues Columbus Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday in Somerville's Davis Square. HONK! is a grassroots, non-profit event made possible by more than a thousand local residents, businesses, and volunteers.

To learn more about HONK! and see the full schedule of events, visit Honkfest.org and follow us on twitter.com/honkfest.

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